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1. THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ECONOMICS (RITE) DESCRIBES ITSELF AS AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE STUDY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND THEIR IMPACT ON SOCIETY. RITE IS WHOLLY FUNDED BY DONATIONS OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AND JFY 1975 (ENDING MARCH 31, 1976) BUDGET WAS APPROX ONE MILLION DOLLARS. NIPPON TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH PUBLIC CORP. (NTTPC) PROVIDES 80 PERCENT OF BUDGET WITH REMAINDER COMING FROM NHK PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORP., KDD (INTERNATIONAL COMMON CARRIER), MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VARIOUS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS. RELATIONSHIP NTTPC TO GOJ DESCRIBED IN REF (B), PARA 3.

2. CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF RITE IS KIYOMI YUKIHIRO (RETIRED TTPC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR). RITE UNDERTOOK 14 STUDIES IN JFY 1975 RANGING FROM QTE ROLS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS I NEAR FUTURE SOCIETY, UNQTE (JOINT PROJECT WITH AMERICAN UNIV, WASHDC) TO QTE FUTURE POSTAL SERVICES UNQTE. MOST STUDIES ARE ORDERED AFTER CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE RITE MEMBERSHIP. IN ADDITION TO RESEARCH STUDIES, RITE ALSO ORGANIZES SEMINARS AND LECTURES TO PROMOTE MUTUAL EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ABOUT FUTURE TRENDS

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IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS. RITE ALSO PUBLISHES A HOUSE ORGAN

QTE OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS JOURNAL UNQTE. RITE HAS
APPROX 75 EMPLOYEES.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF HEAVY FUNDING BY NTTPC, IT
APPEARS RITE IS CONTROLLED TO A LARGE EXTENT BY NTTPC.
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